

HUERTA TO LEAD ARMY?

Judge Gonzales Says President Will Resign to Portillo Y. Rojas and Command Mexican Forces in the Field.

800 AMERICANS ARE STILL IN DANGER

Huerta Encourages Mobs in Insults to Citizens of United States.

U. S. CONSULS LEAVE

Calls Are Being Made for Troops on Mexican Border.

TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

Huerta to take field against United States.

Americans flee from Mexico City.

Lives of 800 Americans still in danger in Mexican capital.

All United States consuls ordered home.

First army troops leave for Mexico.

Huerta makes no efforts to stop riots and attacks on Americans in capital.

Wilson still believes Carranza will be neutral.

Call for troops on Mexican border.

Refugees leave Vera Cruz for Galveston.

Fear of uprising in San Antonio.

By United Press.

LAREDO, Tex., April 24.—That Huerta has resigned the presidency in favor of Portillo Y. Rojas, foreign minister, and that he (Huerta) will take personal command of the Mexican army are statements District Judge Gonzales of Nuevo Laredo asserts he received in a message from Mexico City this morning.

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(By Staff Correspondent of United Press)

VERA CRUZ, April 24.—"I arrived in Vera Cruz today with sixty men, women, and children from the American, English and German colonies in Mexico City. Another train was to leave the Mexican capital at 7 o'clock this morning. Those remaining, however, are dependent upon Sir Lionel Carden, the British Ambassador, for protection. He is doing everything possible to protect them. His plan, when our party left Mexico City, was to distribute the Americans among the various embassies.

"It was Wednesday evening when the sixty Americans, arriving here today, left Mexico City on what was really a British refugee train. Tuesday night every man in the American colony, including the correspondents, went to the American embassy and prepared 275 rifles and two machine guns for use. The guns were stored in the basement. They were all brought out, tested and found to be ready.

"Every interview between O'Shaughnessy and General Huerta increased the blind anger of the dictator. When I last saw the Charge, he was unspeakably worried.

"The last report we heard was that Huerta planned to strip the embassy of its guns in retaliation for the taking of Vera Cruz. He had already seized the railroads and telegraph lines and refused to permit Charge O'Shaughnessy, Council General Shanklin, or Captain Burnside, the military attaché, to send messages of any description.

"All I want is to get the Americans out of here," said O'Shaughnessy to me the last time I saw him.

"Members of the House of Deputies led the mob which rioted in front of the American Club after the news of the landing of marines in Vera Cruz reached the Mexican people through extra editions of the newspapers. The Dictator seemed to do everything possible to inflame the crowds. He was successful. They stormed through the streets driving Americans before them and swept on toward the Embassy.

"O'Shaughnessy had no word from Washington as to the action that had been taken, as messages had been withheld from him. At the request of British Ambassador Carden, Huerta sent a guard of forty police. But

throughout Tuesday and Wednesday nights the embassy was surrounded by hooting, jeering crowds.

"Huerta's action in permitting the mob to vent its anger against the Americans was obviously an effort to gain sympathy. If the Dictator finds that the followers of Carranza and Zepatha, the bandit chief of the south, are anti-American he may even permit violence in an effort to consolidate the divided factions of Mexico.

"Enroute to Vera Cruz our train came upon the Federal army which had fled Vera Cruz. I talked with the Mexican soldiers. They were wild with anger, declaring that they would return soon and 'wipe out the Americans.'

"The Americans fired before we expected," the Mexican troopers said, as they related the story of the landing. Their hatred for the Americans increased with every repeated detail.

"We carried fifteen cannon with us and we will soon be ready to return and drive out the gringo invaders," the soldiers told me.

"I took a photograph of the retreating troops and at the next station, within two miles of the American lines, our train was held up by the federal soldiers for four hours. The officer in command demanded that I be taken from the train. 'Mr. Britisher I believe that you have deceived us,' the officer declared as he insisted upon my arrest. He evidently mistook me for a British subject. The British Charge d'Affaires refused to surrender me. There was some further parleying, but with the arrival of the relief train, on which were British Blue Jackets from the Essex, we were permitted to continue our way toward Vera Cruz.

"All passengers were transferred to the relief train for the final stage of the trip into Vera Cruz. The engine which pulled the refugees into the seaport city had been filled with four thousand buckets of water, carried by the crews of the battleships Arkansas and Florida. Not being in possession of any water tanks it is necessary for the American forces to carry all of the water used on the engines.

"There are five thousand Americans in Gaudalajara who are in probably as great danger as those in Mexico City. Anti American sentiment is to be permitted to run rampant until the anger of Huerta is satisfied. He has the double purpose, to revenge Vera Cruz and to support a general conflict with the United States.

"The dictator is going to every extreme means to raise an army and funds. He is making paper money galore. A guard of soldiers was sent to an American printing shop where the money was being produced."

ORDERS CONSULS OUT

State Department Directs

Abandonment of American Agencies.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The abandonment of all American consulates in addition to the embassy in Mexico City was directed today by the State Department. French consuls will take charge of the United States' business and papers, except in a few places where France is not represented.

The Brazilian government will take charge for the United States in Mexico City and Vera Cruz, and the Chilean consul at Acapulpa. The British government will represent the United States at Frontera, La Paz, Ensenada and Manzanillo.

Secretary Bryan authorized all consuls and their staffs to leave Mexico at their own judgment. Several consuls are expected to remain.

Federals Burn Nuevo Laredo.

By United Press.

LAREDO, Tex., April 24.—Upon the evacuation of Nuevo Laredo, across the Rio Grande from here, the federal army this morning set fire to the municipal buildings, the custom house, the postoffice, the United States Consulate and several other buildings. The town is a mass of flames. Dynamite was used on the municipal buildings. The United States patrol, on this side of the river was fired upon. A sharp fight ensued in which the federals were driven back to an arroyo.

CABINET IN SESSION TODAY

Wilson Refuses to Admit Villa Will Side with Huerta.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The administration today refused to admit that the constitutionalists will side with Huerta, although troops are being hurried to the Texas border. The President emphasized again today that the United States' quarrel is directed against Huerta alone.

The President himself suggested that the promise of Carranza and Villa be taken only on face value. The cabinet met today to consider the Mexican situation.

THREATEN VERA CRUZ

Mexicans Under General Maas Indicate They Will Attack Marines.

By United Press.

VERA CRUZ, April 24.—General Maas has been reinforced by eighteen hundred troops and is threatening to attack. The marines are guarding the approaches. Fletcher has advised the Americans to leave the hotels tonight and board the refugee ship. This indicates another engagement with the Mexicans.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The War Department today is almost deluged with messages demanding more troops along the border. It was authoritatively reported this afternoon that the War Department is preparing to concentrate more forces there. No word confirming the report could be obtained, the War Department having adopted a fixed policy not to discuss any army movements until they actually are under way.

One apparently authentic report this afternoon had it that Brigadier-General Bliss had officially requested more troops at El Paso. There, it was stated, the residents feared an attack from the Mexicans.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Orders were given today for 250 marines to join the New York when she sails from New York City Sunday or Monday for Vera Cruz. A like number from the Fourth Regiment was ordered to join the West Virginia when that dreadnought sails from Mare Island for the West coast of Mexico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—A report to Carrothers assures him that Villa will, under no circumstances, bear arms against the United States. Secretary Bryan said that Constitutional representatives said Carranza's demand that the United States must evacuate Vera Cruz was designed to show his followers that he was upholding Mexican honor. There is no confirmation of the report that the constitutionalists and federals at Torreon have agreed on a truce, pending new developments in the foreign mediation.

Secretary Bryan denied that the British ambassador is negotiating for mediation. Admiral Badger advised one of the ships to take refugees to Galveston and return, loaded with food and clothing for the destitute at Vera Cruz.

By United Press.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 24.—Governor Colquitt ordered eight more companies of militia to Brownsville.

FEAR RISING IN SAN ANTONIO

Rumors of Conspiracy to Begin in Mexican Quarter at Night.

By United Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 24.—Determined to take every precaution against an uprising in the Mexican quarter of the city, twenty-five thousand rounds of ammunition, stacks of arms and supplies are being rushed to the city hall here. Persistent reports are reaching the police of a conspiracy in the Mexican quarter to suddenly sweep into the business district of the city, during the night, and loot the buildings. News of clashes between Americans and Mexicans has caused a great deal of bad blood among the citizens.

2,600 REFUGEES TO GALVESTON

The Esperanza Sails in Company with the Jason Today.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The Esperanza, with 2,600 refugees on board, sailed from Vera Cruz for Galveston, today, according to the navy department. The steamer will stop at Tampico for other refugees. The collier, Jason, also loaded with refugees, accompanied the Esperanza and will stop at Tuzpam to take on other refugees.

TRACKS TORN UP AHEAD OF REFUGEES

Mexicans Hinder Americans, British and Germans Seeking to Escape.

800 YET IN CAPITAL

Train Bearing 150 Arrives in Vera Cruz After Thrilling Run.

(By Staff Correspondent of United Press)

VERA CRUZ, April 24.—After a thrilling trip from Mexico City, during which they were repeatedly held up by federal troops, hissed and insulted, 150 American, British and German refugees arrived here early today.

A special train from the capital was run in two sections. Eight miles out of Vera Cruz it was discovered that the tracks had been torn up. A relief train guarded by bluejackets from the British warship Essex reached the stalled trains early this morning. The refugees were then transferred and the trip to Vera Cruz completed.

Eight hundred Americans are still left in Mexico City, where they are in greatest danger. During the last three days serious anti-American demonstrations have occurred. The American consulate was attacked and stoned, and the coat of arms was torn from the door.

Blind with anger, Huerta has instructed the police and soldiers not to molest mobs which have rioted in front of the American Club, torn the coat-of-arms from the door of the consulate, and stoned the insulted Americans who were brave enough to appear in the streets. The American Club has been abandoned and later was looted by Mexicans. The American Hotel also has been deserted. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American Charge, announced that he was going to Vera Cruz, but it is his intention to leave secretly for Manzanillo on the West Coast.

Since Tuesday, when Vera Cruz was taken, Americans have carried their lives in their hands in Mexico City. As the men worked tirelessly in the embassy, preparing rifles and machine guns for action, the brave women of the colony constantly encouraged their husbands. There was no sign of fear.

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy was ill from nervousness, but she served tea in the embassy to the men and women who were preparing to defend themselves against an expected attack from the infuriated Mexicans. Most of the time, she was prostrate, but showed the utmost bravery. She graciously encouraged her husband and all who were working with him.

The American shops have been looted in the capital and the Americans have appeared on the streets at their peril. All were hissed, stoned, and insulted.

The refugees who arrived here today included men, women and children. Little attempt was made to carry anything from their homes. They gathered such belongings as they could and took the first train possible from the capital.

The British Blue Jackets meeting the special train at Tejeria were unarmed. Permission was asked of Rear Admiral Fletcher last night to send the Blue Jackets out on a relief train, because of the British citizens aboard. When the train was held up, officials of the Mexican Oceanic Railway and newspaper correspondents who were taking photographs were arrested by the Federals.

The Blue Jackets interceded and obtained the release of all who had been taken into custody.

Another refugee train left Mexico City at 7 o'clock this morning.

CARTOONIST AND WRITER HERE

Chapin and Love of St. Louis Republic Getting Impressions of Fair.

Just what a cartoonist and a special writer, both of wide reputation, think of Columbia and the Farmers' Fair will be shown in the St. Louis Republic a week from Sunday. They will devote a special page of the Sunday edition to impressions of Columbia and the stunt given by the agricultural students.

A. B. Chapin, cartoonist, and Robertus Love, special writer, of the Republic, are here today observing the stunts. Mr. Chapin was one of the speaker on the Journalism Week program here two years ago.

COLUMBIA'S TRAFFIC OFFICER AT WORK



A. G. Newman, who directs Vehicles on Broadway.

RAIN FOR FAIR CROWD!

Forecast Is Probable Thunder Showers and Cooler.

Take your umbrella to the Farmers' Fair tonight. The weather forecast calls for "probable thunder showers tonight. Cooler." Tomorrow the forecast is generally fair and cooler weather. The temperatures:

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| 7 a. m.63 | 11 a. m.70 |
| 8 a. m.64 | 12 (noon)71 |
| 9 a. m.66 | 1 p. m.72 |
| 10 a. m.68 | 2 p. m.74 |

MEXICAN ENGINEERS STRIKE

Federals Have No Men to Move Trains.

By United Press.

LAREDO, Tex., April 24.—About twenty Mexican engineers and firemen on the National Lines, who, about a year ago, took the places of Americans, have gone on a strike and come to the American side of the border. The Mexican federals can find no volunteer engineers and firemen to move trains.

M. U. GRADUATES IN MEXICO

Landon Brothers Located at Tampico and Bassett at Mexico City.

James E. Landon, LL. B. '04, Virgil E. D. Landon, LL. B. '11, brothers, and Arthur Bassett, A. B. '00, are now in Mexico. The Landon brothers are in real estate business in Tampico. Mr. Bassett is an attorney in Mexico City.

When the orders came last night to leave none of the transports had a full head of steam. But by the time all the men, horses, wagons and equipment are on board, they will be ready to sail. The Kilpatrick is expected to get out of port early this afternoon. The others will follow by midnight.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Secretary of War Garrison gave orders today to charter two steamers to be used as transports out of Galveston.

In issuing the order for the movement of General Funston's brigade to Vera Cruz it was found that the four government transports at Galveston could not accommodate the artillery.

Stalls are being constructed today on the decks of the chartered steamers to accommodate the horses. The transport fleet is expected to be ready to sail by midnight, at the latest.

The soldiers of the fifth brigade began boarding transports shortly before 6 o'clock this morning. The first transport was expected to leave this afternoon. The others will follow before midnight.

MORE AMERICANS KILLED

Chief Gunner's Mate of the Michigan and a Private Dead.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The dead reported today are: Louis Frank Boswell, chief gunner's mate of the Michigan, and Private Randolph Summerlin, of the marine corps of the Battleship Vermont. Boswell was from Coulterville, Ill., and Summerlin lived at Willscooche, Ga.

ADAM IN HIS EDEN SHOWN BY FARMERS

Ninth Annual Parade Represents Ancient and Modern Tillers of Soil.

FLOATS ARE PRETTY

Shocks of Grain and Baskets of Flowers Decorate Them.

Adam and his hired hands working in the Garden of Eden were shown in the ninth annual Farmers' Fair parade this morning. Following and contrasting with it was the Missouri farmer of 1790, represented by the character of a scooped, old man in knickers with a white-powdered wig. Then came the 1914 farmer riding in a motor car with a cultivator behind.

The band at the head of the parade, dressed in white, was preceded by the farmer cops and by some of the young women entries in the riding events of the afternoon. The horticultural department was represented by a float covered with flowers and plants.

The goddess Ceres was represented on a float covered with shocks of grain and a throne in which was seated the "goddess," a young woman dressed in white.

The home economics department had perhaps the most elaborate float in the parade. It was a huge flower basket, with hams, breakfast foods and other edibles overflowing the top.

The farm management department had an interesting contrast. "No Farm Management" was the slogan over a decrepit old farm wagon, while "Farm Management" was the legend across an automobile bearing a prosperous farmer family.

BOYS COOK FOR FARMERS' FAIR

Gordon Hotel an "Eats" Factory for Ag. Stunt, Girls in Charge.

"This looks like a candy kitchen. Are these boys studying domestic science, too?" That is the impression one might have got on entering the home economics laboratory in the Gordon Hotel Building any night this week. There were forty or fifty boys and girls busy making candy of all kinds—even to wine balls and "all-day suckers"—which will be on sale at the Farmers' Fair.

The boys' part of the work was purely mechanical. They simply obeyed the girls' commands, and seemed to enjoy cooking.

The candy was made according to the most scientific and sanitary methods.

McCLURE IS PRESIDENT

Forty Plurality Wins in Student Election This Morning.

R. W. McClure was elected president of the student body of the University in the election this morning. In one of the closest races ever held here. He won over Kearney Wornall by forty votes. Claude F. Clayton was elected editor-in-chief of the Savitar over Ralph H. Turner by four votes. The vote was:

President, McClure, 691; Wornall, 651; vice-president, Arthur, 764; Duran, 531; secretary, Roffe, 1352; Savitar editor, Clayton, 669; Turner, 665; Savitar business manager, Browne, 757; Williams, 559. These are the student councilman elected: Goodman, Staude, Barclay, Kelley, Burns, McArthur and Stapel. The vote was smaller than last year.